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SHOULDER QUILTS

He wants to go to Germany, England

Jim Shoulder (pictured) does not want to continue as coach of the Australian national team

Shoulder, who has held the position since Brian Green resigned in 1975, wants to go to Europe.

"Taking on the job of Australian coach would mean staying in Australia for another four or five years," said Shoulder, "but I've been here nearly three years and I need a break."

Shoulder wants to do coaching courses in Germany and England.

"I want to learn as much as possible about the game," said Jim, "and see as many people as I can."

Shoulder's contract with the Australian Soccer Federation expires in October and in the meantime, he is being kept



busy with coaching clinics around the country.

In his time as Australian coach, Shoulder came under fire from the Press and people within the game. However, he refused to be upset by it.

"If I entered a slanging match with someone in the Press," said Jim, "then

I would be going down to their level. I refuse to do that."

He also has a strict personal rule on talking about other coaches.

"Coaches shouldn't criticise one another in public," he said, "as it is against professional ethics."

Shoulder is quick to point out that Australia is not the only place where national team coaches can become unpopular overnight.

"Some of the things thrown at me by the Press," he said, "were kids' stuff compared with things that the English Press threw at Don Revie when he was England manager."

The ASF moved on Saturday to start the ball rolling to select a national coach.

Shoulder was full of praise for Ron Smith, former director of Coaching in Victoria, who recently returned home to England.

"Ron Smith," said Shoulder, "is a very good coach and administrator and worked tremendously hard for Victorian soccer. "He has laid the foundations," he continued, "of a very good coaching network in Victoria and people will realise the worth of Ron Smith when they reap the benefits in a few years' time."

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Dixie Deans in happier times, as top scorer in the Philips League.

Deans may go to prison

Dixie Deans, top scorer in the Philips League last year, faces a possible jail sentence in Scotland.

Deans, 31, has been charged with assaulting a policeman at Paisley.

He is also charged with having refused a breath test, being drunk and disorderly and having refused to give a blood sample.

Deans has pleaded not guilty and his trial has been set for April 5.

Apparently police stopped a car in which Deans and a number of other people were travelling.

Deans may now be unable to rejoin Adelaide Juventus, the club he played for last season.

Juventus may sign South Melbourne Hellas striker Graham French as Deans' replacement.

French, who is on the

transfer list (see story page 2), was in Adelaide for a trial at the weekend, and Sydney Olympic is also interested in him.

Deans didn't arrive until the eighth round of the 1977 season, yet still scored 18 goals.

He made his name playing for Celtic in Scotland.

BREMNER FOR HELLAS?

South Melbourne Hellas has been approached about taking former Scotland and Leeds captain Billy Bremner for guest games during the English off-season.

Bremner is currently with Hull City.

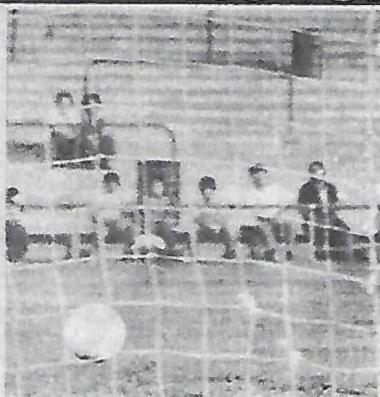
He was offered to George Cross, but the Maltese club decided he would be too expensive.

Hellas president Sam Papasavas said this week he would accept Bremner but that nothing definite had been arranged.



Billy Bremner

PETROVSKI MAKES IT 3-0



Lube Petrovski (in stripes) scores one of the goals in Preston Makedonia's 3-0 win over Ringwood Wilhelmina in the opening round of the Victorian Ampol Cup series at Olympic Park.

The picture by SAM BELFONTE also shows Ringwood goalkeeper Paul Wilding, recruited from Mooroolbark, and Gary Groenewald, recruited from Hakoah-St. Kilda.

The rebuilt Makedonia team, coached by the experienced Bill Dumbell, is now one of the Cup favorites.

"Soccer Action" will feature a special four-page liftoff on the Makedonia club in next week's issue. Don't miss it.

Charlton back

Bobby Charlton's All-Stars, who lost 1-2 to Australia last year, are likely to play at Olympic Park in May. Derby County's game in Melbourne has been set for May 21, and Hajduk Split will be here at the end of July.

Israeli to City

Brisbane City has signed former Israeli under 23 international Jakob Shanne and Western Suburbs full back Steve Parry. City is also expecting two First Division



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Socceroo striker Peter Ollerton: says he will no longer tour with the Socceroos.

'Don't know what they're talking about'

By KYLE PATTERSON

Peter Ollerton certainly wasn't a popular person in soccer circles last season.

The majority of Australia's soccer public and soccer writers was calling for Ollerton to be axed from the Australian team.

The ill-feeling reached a peak when the big South Melbourne Hellas striker was omitted from his club team but held his place in the national team.

Ollerton was struggling to find form and the Press thought it time he was dropped.

"I don't give a damn what the Press thinks," he said, "because most of them have never played soccer and don't know what they are talking about."

"The only time you hear from one certain Melbourne Sunday writer is when someone has been hit on the head with a bottle," he continues. "He only promotes the bad side of the game."

The Australian team and coach Jimmy Shoulder came under fire during the dismal World Cup performance.

The future development of Australian soccer hinged on qualifying for Argentina, and now that we have missed out, Ollerton and his national team colleagues are villains.

"We aren't villains," he said. "How are we supposed to succeed when we are underpaid part-timers playing against professionals?"

"The travel doesn't help either," he continues. "After travelling with the Australian team for four years, the last tour really got me down."

Ollerton says he never again wants to tour overseas with the Australian team.

"I'd gladly play in any game the team has in Australia, but I'm not touring," he said.

Lack of support of the national team by

Australian soccer fans was another thing which hindered the World Cup bid, according to Peter.

"Crowds make a lot of difference to a team," he said. "We would get 10,000 spectators at our games in Australia, while Iran had 100,000 supporters when it played in its own country."

Ollerton's career in the Australian team could well be over, but what about Hellas? Peter claims he wasn't "dropped" from the Hellas side last season.

"I have never been dropped in my life," he maintains. "What happened last season was blown up by the Press."

The incident happened at a training session the night before Hellas was due to leave for Adelaide for a game.

"I had a disagreement with coach Con Xanthopoulos and he said he would leave me in Melbourne if I didn't do what he ordered. I ignored him and as a result, I didn't go to Adelaide."

You can decide for yourself if that constitutes being dropped.

Ollerton criticised the two coaches at Hellas last year — Manny Poulaikakis and Xanthopoulos.

"Training was so routine that the players' attitude suffered. This year, under Dave MacLaren, training has been varied and challenging," Ollerton said.

"I'd like Hellas fans to forget last year and give us good support this season," Ollerton says. "The team has the right attitude now and we will bring success to South Melbourne."

SM-Hellas striker Graham French — bought for \$10,000 from Mooroolbark.

\$10,000 MAN SEEKING A TRANSFER

South Melbourne Hellas striker Graham French is on the transfer list.

French, who joined Hellas from Mooroolbark at the start of last season for \$10,000, said there was no bitterness between him and the club.

"My going on the transfer list was in the best interests of both the club and myself," said French.

French wants to play first-team football in the Philips League.

At Hellas he won't get that chance.

"Dave MacLaren said that he would be using either Peter Ollerton or me in the forward line," said Graham, "and seeing that Peter is club captain, he would get the nod ahead of me."

"Being a reserve is not my cup of tea," he continued, "so a move was the only thing. The club agreed, so it was a mutual decision."

Hellas will probably ask for around \$8,000.

French had a bad season last year and struggled to find form like a lot of other players in the Hellas team. "No-one was more disappointed than I," said Graham.

"The style of play at Hellas didn't suit my game," he continued.

"We were using two wingers, but there wasn't one game in which they both played well and gave me good service. As well as that, our midfield never got going."

"I'm as keen as mustard to show everybody that I have got the ability," he said, "but I will be sorry to leave Hellas. It's such a good club with a great bunch of players."

French is prepared to leave Melbourne to stay in the P.S.L.

In the meantime, he will keep training to maintain his fitness.

"A lot of people thought I didn't try last year," said Graham, "which is totally wrong. I hope I can find a new club quickly and settle down and show everyone what I can do on the park."

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Stevenson and Picioane for new midfield!

John Stevenson, Joe Picioane and Gary Meier are three names to keep in mind when speculating about the composition of the 1978 Australian team.

All are in the right age group for our next World Cup campaign whose qualifying matches will be played in 1978.

Stevenson is the dynamic Hakoah-East midfielder who previously played for St. Johnstone in Scotland.

He's been in Australia about three years and certainly could be persuaded to meet the qualification requirements.

Picioane is another midfielder of the Footscray J.U.S.T. club. His ball skills are superior to that of at least 99 percent of Australian players. His work rate is incredible; he scores goals and he has the knack for the creative and the unexpected.

Meier is Sydney Olympic's goalkeeper. Big, strong, fearless, he impressed most expert judges last season. As Jack Reilly will be in his mid-thirties in 1981, Meier should join the other two Socceroo goalkeepers, Allan Maher (Marconi) and Todd Clarke (Hakoah).

Stevenson, Picioane and Meier are three talented players who stand out a mile from the national squad.

Many of the 1977 Socceroos will have to be replaced. Even thorough champions like Jimmy Rooney can't last forever, although you never know with this human dynamo.

By LAURIE SCHWAB



Sydney Olympic goalkeeper Gary Meier, in line for the national squad, with another possible Socceroo, centre back Jim Kondarlos (left) of J.U.S.T.

calibre, that wouldn't necessarily be too old.

Obviously, we'll need at least one new centre back. Apart from Hermitson, others who will be considered are Jim Kondarlos (J.U.S.T.), Steve O'Connor (Hakoah), and hopefully, Tony Henderson of Canberra, although he's another one who has to first meet residential qualifications.

Few soccer followers disagree that Branko Buljevic should have been in the 1977 team. His omission is still one of the major soccer mysteries.

Buljevic, the elegant Fitzroy-Alexander forward, will be 32 in 1981, but at that age, he should still have lots to offer, so he should be one of the first players rushed into the new national squad.

Doubt surrounds the immediate availability of John Kosmina, who is in England with Arsenal. If he makes it there, he may not be able to play for Australia.

Peter Sharne of Marconi was tried out a few times last year and should have been given longer to prove himself. Similarly, Mendo Ristovski of J.U.S.T. was not given enough time, and Joe Palinkas of J.U.S.T. could also be tried out.

Ian McGregor of West Adelaide Hellas is another nippy type who may be given his chance.

Among the promising central strikers are Gary Cole (Alexander), Bertie Marlin (Marconi), and Neville Morgan (St. George).

The experienced men, who at the moment are ineligible, include Terry Smith (Hakoah), and Brian Stoddart.

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Sydney Sports Ground, 1974 — the then Prime Minister, Gough Whitlam (left) greets Rale Basic before Australia's triumphant game against Uruguay. In the middle is ASF president Sir Arthur George. Has Sir Arthur let bygones be bygones?

Rasic is the man

The formation of the new Australian squad depends upon decisions made by the Australian Soccer Federation as its meeting on February 18.

The meeting will decide when to appoint a national coach. It may even decide who is to be appointed.

Apparently the ASF approached Czech-based Joe Venglos but the latest information is that he has not replied to the letters.

Of the coaches in Australia, the man with the best credentials for the job is obviously Rale Basic who led the Socceroos from 1970 to 1974.

He knows the strengths and weaknesses of every significant player in Australia and has been associated with people of all nationalities in his 15-year association with soccer in NSW and Victoria.

Let's face it, even a leading coach from overseas would take at least a year to settle down and develop a thorough appreciation and understanding of local conditions.

Has ASF president Sir Arthur George mellowed enough to reappoint Basic? These two have had differences in the past.

The Greek national team will play in Melbourne on June 11, Adelaide on June 14 and Sydney on June 18. Obviously Australia should be the opponent and if so, we need a national coach.

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Peter Wilson (left) and Jimmy Rooney (right) — out of contention for the next World Cup?

MALTESE CLASH AT ST·ALBANS

The Maltese will be out in force at Green Gully Reserve in St. Albans on Sunday when Ajax tackles 1977 champion George Cross in the second round of the Ampol Cup.

The big clash follows the meeting between Slavia and Albion Leyland, which kicks off at 1.30 pm.

With new players Nick Cook, David Perkins and now Stan Klain in its line-up, Ajax will prove a formidable opponent for the more accomplished George Cross.

Perkins scored two good goals against Frankston last week and is supported by talented players Lee Thomas (ex-Alexander) and Andy Segi.

Coach John Grimessey experimented by pulling John Patten back into defence and it worked like a charm. Patten and Peter Donaldson will make it extremely difficult for George Cross' champion striker Ken Reed and Joe Thompson will do all in their power to shackle the brilliant Kevin Walker.

However, if Ajax is to cause an upset in this game, it will have to concentrate heavily on the midfield, where George Cross appears much stronger.

Slavia v. Albion Leyland (Green Gully Reserve, 1.30 pm Sunday)

Despite Slavia's slow start to the series (it lost 0-1 to Altona), there is little chance it will lose this week to Albion Leyland.

Altona had glaring weaknesses in defence in its game against Sunshine — weaknesses that will be exploited by Carl Glider, Jim Williams and hopefully Steve Bonfield if he's used in a more attacking role.

Yet Altona's big man, Bill McCormack, poses a constant threat to any defence, and Alan Quinn and Mick D'Sylva are nippy enough to get past the most astute defenders.

Ringwood v. Sunshine (Olympic Park, 7.30 pm Friday)

Obviously Ringwood can't get any worse than it was against Makedonia last week, so Sunshine won't be able to take it too easily.

Sunshine should, however, win quite comfortably because in Ray Pocock, David Nelson, Jim McRobert and Terry Banagan, it has players who are much more penetrating than anything Ringwood can offer.

Many of the Ringwood players appear too slow or too lazy. A youngster like Gary Greenewald, for example, should be much busier than he was against Makedonia, and it's time John O'Callaghan took on a few pounds.

Essendon v. Frankston (Olympic Park, 9 pm Friday)

Essendon-Croatia is one of the favorites for the 1977 Ampol Cup, and rightfully so.

Frankston may have a winner in Vince Bannon, but Croatia has an equally effective right back in Grant Smart.

Frankston coach Brian Edgley apparently tore strips off his players after their 1-2 loss to Green Gully last week, so presumably, there'll be a big improvement on Friday.

The difference, however, will need to be like night and day.

Hakoah v. Juventus (Cochrane Reserve, Preston, 1.30 pm Saturday)

Juve played well enough in beating George Cross last week and will be even better if Mick Watkins plays the whole game instead of only half of it.

Uli Pfisterer and Steve Walker should be untroubled by Hakoah's non-existent attack, but Juventus coach Bobby Thomson will be looking for a little more from his midfielders.

If Juventus manages to sign a central striker in time for this game, Hakoah will again be doomed to defeat, despite the sterling efforts of Bill Jordanou in defence.

Makedonia v. Altona (Cochrane Reserve Preston, 3 pm Saturday)

Makedonia's latest recruit Lou Adams is likely to play his first full game giving support to goal machine George McMillan.

Extra strength up front will come from Paul Haljan and midfielders Eric Lashbrell and Lube Petrovski coming through from behind.

Altona's defence is well drilled but against the fast-moving Makedonia raiders, it is likely to crack.

LAURIE SCHWAB

Nelson, Pocock in top form

SUNSHINE 2 (D. Nelson 2, incl. pen.) ALBION LEYLAND 2 (Quinn, McCormack) after extra time, Sunshine won on penalties 4-1.

SUNSHINE: Johnson 5; Mussell 5, Dixey 6, Plotowski 6, Howe 6; McCarthy 6, T. Banagan 7, R. Nelson 6; McRobert 5 (Gilmour 5, full time). Pocock 6, D'Sylva 8, Reilly 7, O'Brien 4, Bent 6. **ALBION LEYLAND:** O'Brien 6, Clegg 4, Makouske 5, Nesbit 5, Johnstone 5, Greenhill 7, Bentley 5, D'Sylva 6; Prothman 5 (Lenders 79th); McCormack 6, Quinn 6. Coach: Tommy McPherson.

Scottish import David Nelson and star striker Ray Pocock spearheaded a second-half recovery by Sunshine City which should have produced enough goals to beat Albion Leyland decisively at Kim Reserve, Altona.

However, as it turned out, Sunshine was forced into a penalties shoot-out and finished with the game.

Nelson, brother of Sunshine midfielder Rob, played virtually unopposed on the left wing. Albion's new right back Danny McCluskey from South Melbourne Hellas looked embarrassingly unfit and as a result, was unable to keep up with Nelson.

Meanwhile, Pocock was winning the ball in the middle against Bob Nesbit. McCluskey and Nesbit changed positions late in the game but it made no difference to the effectiveness of Nelson and Pocock.

Of the other Sunshine players, Terry Banagan did fine work in midfield, Mike Dixey and Kaz Plotowski were capable centre backs, Ian McCarthy put in a good effort in midfield and Hugh Howe was solid at left back.

However, Frank Mussell looked lost in his new right back position and Jim McRobert wasted many good opportunities in attack before being replaced by Steve Gilmour.

Reilly scored the first goal after about 15 minutes of the second half but faded away afterwards. He'd sustained an effort for he would have been clearly the best man afield.

Best of the Albion players was midfield Kev Greenhill, who was often chopped down for his efforts. Mike D'Sylva did some industrious fetching. Alan Quinn scored a good goal and always had the better of Mussell, while big Bill McCormack was a constant threat to the Sunshine defence.

Albion will get better. It has signed former George Cross player Derek Doogan and has at least four of its top players to come back into the side.

They are Jim Dapera who didn't play against Sunshine because he was on his honeymoon, Bill McIntyre and Chris Cain who are holidaying in the UK and Alex Ward who is recovering from a broken leg.

Altona took the lead in the 10th minute when Quinn dashed into the penalty area on the left and slipped his angled shot past Bill Johnson.

D'Sylva almost put Albion further ahead when he got clear on the edge of the area, but his shot hit the bottom of the post, with Sunshine's defenders standing there staring at him.

David Nelson should have been given a penalty when McCluskey grabbed him by the shirt, but the referee waved play on.

George Makouske gave away a free kick which almost spelled doom for Albion. McCarthy lined it up from about 25 metres and hit a great shot that Jeff Oliver just managed to punch over for a corner.

In the 54th minute, David Nelson had the ball pushed to him on the left and dashed into the penalty area before shooting through Oliver's legs for the equalising goal.

A few moments later Robbie Nelson was shown the yellow card for chopping down Greenhill.

With the score 2-2, extra time was played in an attempt to break the deadlock.

Sunshine got the break. It was looking for when Makouske charged into the back of Banagan and conceded a penalty.

David Nelson took the shot and put Sunshine into the lead. But with five minutes to go, D'Sylva darted down the line, brushed off a challenge from Howe and crossed for McCormack to head home the equaliser.

In the penalties showdown Rob Nelson, Gilmour, Pocock and Howe all shot accurately.

Mccormack scored for Albion but McCluskey, and Gordon Bentley kicked straight to goalkeeper Johnon, who saved.

That gave Sunshine a 4-1 advantage.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

MANDALIS GOES FOR ESSENDON!

ESSENDON CROATIA 2 (Kerr, David son) HAKOAH 0.

HAKOAH: Harburn 4, Valli 6, Calomino 7, Gadsby 6, Edmundson 7, Jor-Croat 6, Reilly 5, Blair 5, Craig 6, Stevens 5, Bozinovski 6, Andrew 7, Davidson 8, Kerr 7, Kricevic 8, Culina 6, Murphy 6.

EsSENDON CROATIA, under new playing-coach John Gardner, was too good for the weakened Hakoah side.

Hakoah was without 1977 Rothmans Medal winner David Baker and ex-Victorian team goalkeeper Mike O'Hara. Baker has not been training and it is assumed he has retired, and O'Hara has been trying to get a transfer to a F.S.L. club. However, Hakoah is hopeful of getting the colorful O'Hara back.

Croatia couldn't play newly-signed Tommy Cummings because of technicalities arising over his residence in Australia.

Cummings, who has been in Australia two years, had only a temporary residence visa from the Department of Immigration authorities.

Brian Davidson opened the scoring for Croatia in the 16th minute. Full-back Grant Smart passed to Eddie Kricevic who sent Davidson away with a good through ball. Davidson went past the advancing Steve Harburn in Hakoah's goal and slotted the ball between two defenders who were trying to cover the open net.

Davidson had many chances and once blasted the ball over the bar with the keeper beaten.

Alan Kerr got the second goal in the 55th minute with a close range shot after the ball dropped to him from a corner.

John Gardner played a masterly game for Croatia as sweepster and with the rest of the back-four. Steve Kokosa, Smart and Ante Bilaver, gave the Hakoah forwards little chance of scoring.

Steve Rainey, "Soccer Action" State League player of the year last season, played on the wing, a position which didn't suit him.

After the game, Hakoah coach Mike Mandals said: "Croatia was too fast for us. I reckon they'll win the Cup."

Brothers Kaz and Wally played for Kelor City before Kaz switched to Sunshine, while Wally played for Kelor City before Kaz switched to Sunshine, and Kaz is now coach of Gully's U/14 team.

Stan Klain, former Kelor City star, has joined Green Gully Ajax from Polonia.

Klain's two-year contract with Polonia expired at the end of last season and he joined Ajax for a fee stipulated in the contract.

Stan makes his first appearance for Ajax in the Ampol Cup game against Frankston when he came on as a substitute.

Peter Donaldson, centre-half for Ajax in that game, arrived back in Australia on the morning of the match. He had been holidaying in Scotland and stayed longer than expected.

Green Gully's new English import, Ian Perkin, destroyed Frankston with his

JUVENTUS 1 (Smith penalty) GEORGE CROSS 0 after extra time.

GEORGE CROSS: Kashner 8, DeConcille 6, Webb 8, Maitland 6, Barron 5, Wilkinson 5, Murphy 7, Cutajar 7; Mirak 4, (Lawler 74th) Reed 6, Walker 5.

JUVENTUS: Graham 8; Della Rocca 5, Pfisterer 8, Walker 6, Tarquinio 6; Smith 7, Sabludowski 6, Sannipoli 6; Santangelo 5 (Watkins 8 half time) Curcio 5, J. Lucchesi 5.

Juventus beat George Cross 1-0 with a dramatic penalty converted by captain Charlie Smith a minute from the end of extra time.

The match had remained scoreless until then because of excellent goalkeeping by Lou Kastner and Hugh Graham and determined defending by Uli Pfisterer and John Webb.

Referee Beazley awarded the penalty in a goalmouth scrimmage during which Alex McConville appeared to have poked the ball.

Watkins dominated the right side and started every



Charlie Smith (right) leaves goalkeeper Lou Kastner flat-footed with the penalty that beat George Cross. Picture by SAM BELFONTE.

Smith penalty beats Cross

By LAURIE SCHWAB

attack that looked like getting anywhere.

However, John Webb lifted his game to meet the challenges and consistently won the ball in the middle of the defence. Certainly his opposite Tony Curcio from Altona, was no match for Webb.

Ken Reed and Kevin Walker came close to scoring for George Cross and Smith was unlucky with a few long-range piledrivers late in the game but it took the controversial penalty to split the two teams.

It was an unfortunate way

for the game to end, for both sides had fought valiantly and there was little to separate them.

Juventus desperately needs a central striker now that Dino DeMarchi has switched to Fawkner. There's been talk about Juventus signing Slavia's John Cain but apparently Cain has been asking for too much.

Smith, who has replaced Pat Della Rocca as team captain, was effective in Juventus' midfield but the overall midfield battle was won by George Cross pair Paul Murphy and Phil Cutajar.

FRANKSTON 1 (Perkin 2).

AJAX: Denys 7, Thompson 6, Donaldson 7, Patten 8, Cole 6, Tribuzzo 6 (Hamill, half-time S. Klain, 56th min.), Cook 7, Thomson 6, Gambin 7, Perkin 9, Segi 6.

FRANKSTON: Petersen 6, Bannon 6, Irving 4, Adams 4, Williamson 4, Gillespie 4 (Campbell, 56th min.), Webster 4, Tulloch 4, MacGregor 4, Eadie 4, Spears 4 (Bray, 66th min.).

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Stuart Davies from a soccer playing family.

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Green Gully equalised six minutes later through Perkin.

He ran onto a through ball and shrugged off tackles from three Frankston

defenders before putting it past keeper Frank Petersen.

Frankston's midfield was non-existent in a display which left coach Brian Edgley floundering.

However, full credit must go to Ajax as it ran all night and played with enthusiasm. Perkin in particular had a tremendously high work rate and chased every ball.

Frankston took the lead in the 20th minute when Gud Eadie scored with a scissor-kick — Keith Webster took a corner and Eric Gillespie flicked it on with his head for Eadie to do his acrobatics.

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defenders before putting it past keeper Frank Petersen.

Ajax captain John Patten played an excellent game in defence and Nick Cook showed some good touches in midfield.

Perkin shot Ajax into the 80th minute when he picked up a through ball from Andy Segi.

He missed his hat-trick by only a fraction when he shot fractionally wide after breaking away from the Frankston defence yet again.

Frankston's Gordon MacGregor never got proper service from the midfield and as a result, had a quiet game. At one stage full-back Vince Bannon moved into midfield to try to spark some improvement, but it made no difference.

Nubrick series

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ALEXANDER WINS BIG GREEK CLASH

FITZROY ALEXANDER 2 (o.g. Lutton, Taylor pen.) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Ollerton), Olympic Park, Crowd 3500.

ALEXANDER: Blasby 8, McMillan 9, O'Reilly 8, Provan 7, Tansley 7 (Rakovallis 60th min.), Bannon 7, Taylor 8, Bozikas 8 (Col 6 half-time), Campbell 7, Buljevic 7, Micevski 6 (Selimidis 8 half-time). HELLAS: Reilly 8, Pyle 7, Vaughan 7, Kafatidis 7, Hagegmanouli 6, Wright 7, Daparis 6, Lutton 7 (sent off 43rd min.), Kakandonis 6 (Rogers 5, half-time), Ollerton 8, Cummings 5 (Kent 76th min.).

The big crowd at this game between Melbourne giants Alexander and Hellas certainly got its money's worth.

Both teams played attacking soccer and to add some flavor to the match, there was an own goal, two penalties — one of which was missed, and a sending off.

For Alexander, the game was vital. If it won, its fans would almost certainly forget the humiliating defeats of the past two weeks.

Hellas, too, had something to prove. The victory over Adelaide Juventus the previous weekend didn't count for anything as the South Australians fielded an experimental side.

Bertie Lutton had a big bearing on the game but not in the way he would have wanted.

In the seventh minute, Peter Vaughan fouled Andy Bozikas on the edge of the penalty area.

From the resultant free-kick, Branko Buljevic drove a hard, low shot into the goalmouth which Lutton, in trying to put it away for a corner, kicked into his own net.

This knocked the stuffing out of Hellas but lifted Alexander's confidence no end.

Soon after, Buljevic took the ball to the by-line and put over a delicate cross. The Hellas defence was frantic as the ball bobbed around the six-yard box before John Davies booted it out of play and into safety.

Bertie Lutton had a big bearing on the game but not in the way he would have wanted.

Peter Ollerton took plenty of punishment from Jim O'Reilly and Bobby Provan but didn't let it put him off his pocket.

Bertie couldn't find the space in midfield as Fitzroy crowded him whenever he threatened.

English import, Sammy Wright had South Melbourne's first real scoring chance. O'Reilly failed to clear the ball and it dropped to Wright on the edge of the area. Unfortunately, he ballooned his shot over the bar.

However, Wright showed his class with some excellent ball distribution.

Wright's passing was accurate and easy for the other Hellas players. Too many passes by other men were sent at all angles, giving the receiver no chance of controlling the ball.

Ollerton was the lynch-pin of the Hellas attack and always offered himself to his team's midfielders.

Ken Taylor and Jim Campbell came close a few times for Alexander, but in the end it was McMillan, making one of his rare runs down-field, who set up Alexander's second goal.

He intercepted a bad Hellas pass and took off down the middle with the speed of a winger.

He was in the 15-yard box before anyone got near him and even then it was a foul by John Davies which stopped him. Ken Taylor stroked home the penalty kick with 33 minutes of the first half gone.

Once again, Alexander burst into action and Bozikas should have made it 3-0 when he had Reilly to beat from two metres.

Admittedly, he was on an acute angle, but he should have gone for the far post or laid the ball square instead of trying to squeeze a shot between the keeper and the near post.

Campbell hit a volley over the bar from eight metres and at the other end Lutton nearly caught Peter Blasby by surprise with a shot from the by-line.

Any chance of a Hellas comeback was shot to pieces when Lutton was sent off two minutes from half-time.

Luton lost his temper and kicked O'Reilly after O'Reilly had niggled him. He will have learnt to take tight marking from defenders, but in fairness to him, it was obvious that Tony Boggi had instructed his defenders to pressure Lutton, hoping he would blow his cool.

Alexander replaced Bozikas with Gary Cole, who has been out injured, and the disappointing Mike Micevski with Theo Selimidis.

The two subs combined well in the 55th minute.

McMillan cut over a long cross for Cole to head on to Selimidis whose diving header had Reilly at full stretch.



Alexander defender Bob Provan, backed up by Arthur McMillan (left), prepares to go past Bertie Lutton of Hellas. Picture by SAM BELFONTE.

Croatia star to U.S.



CROATIA, Sydney, has given midfielder star John Davies a clearance to try his luck in American Soccer.

Davies will have trials with Tampa Bay Rowdies, Adrian Aiston's team.

Croatia secretary Lionel Brown said today: "My committee agreed to let Davies go to Florida for a month's trial."

"If he makes the grade with Tampa Bay, we shall then discuss transfer terms."

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By KYLE PATTERSON

Micevski, Buljevic both out!

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Senkalski)
FITZROY ALEXANDER 4 (Taylor 2, Bozikas, Selimidis).

Olympic: Meier 7, G. Allen 8, McIntosh 8, Bell 4 (H. Xipolitas 8, 20th min.), Palmer 8, Jameson 7, Cross 8, Ainslie 7, Thamnidis (D. Allen 8, half-time), Coton 7, Senkalski 8.

ALEXANDER: Blasby 8, McMillan 9, Provan 8, O'Reilly 6, Tansley 8 (Rakovallis half-time, 6), P. Bannon 8, Bozikas 8, Taylor 8 (Selimidis 8, half-time), Campbell 7, Cole 8, Tront 6.

Alexander achieved a big victory without the help of Branko Buljevic and Mike Micevski who both stayed in Melbourne because they were injured.

It was a continuation of the good form Alexander had shown in beating South Melbourne Hellas 2-1 on the Wednesday.

Olympic coach Tom Anderson was disgusted with some of his players.

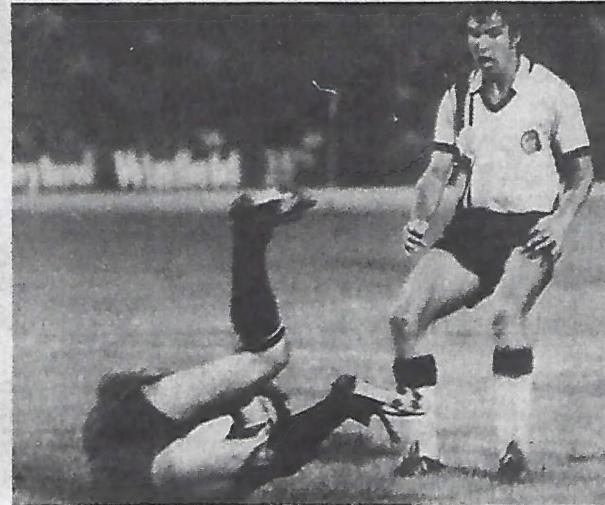
In fact, he replaced his international centre back Richie Bell after only 20 minutes.

Anderson said: "It was like Christmas out there. We were giving away gifts galore."

Olympic scored first when Joe Senkalski finished off a good pass from Paul Coton.

However, two goals by Ken Taylor turned the tide. One was from a cut-back by Andrew Bozikas, the other from about 20 metres.

Bozikas got a goal after running through the defence and Theo Selimidis added another after lead-up work by Bozikas.



Hellas goalkeeper Jack Reilly dives at the ball just before Branko Buljevic reaches it. Picture by SAM BELFONTE.

THINK AGAIN PETE!

What is this I hear about Peter Ollerton damning the Press?

He has the audacity to say that the fifth estate doesn't know what it's talking about.

Poppy-cock! Is he unaware of the calibre of the staff at this journal?

Rafe Basic, player, coach and snappy dresser of the first magnitude — a man who has taken the now defunct national team to the World Cup.

Bruce Waddell, the son of the man who runs the Queensland Soccer Federation. Now can one claim he does not know what he is writing about? You don't become the son of someone like that without a solid soccer background!

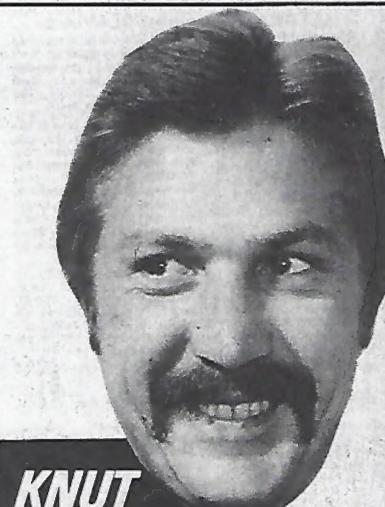
Joe Lanzoni, a man who has played and coached everyone in Newcastle.

Last year we had Tom Anderson, a great player, then a writer and now the coach of Olympic.

And we still have Johnny Warren, a legend in his own lifetime, and also a magnificent typist.

Billy Vojetek, another contributor, was reduced to a cripple for his love of the game.

The editor, Laude Schwab, was transferred from the St. Albans under-16 football team to Sandringham soccer club and was consequently responsible for putting that team in the outstanding position it enjoys to this day. Even



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his kids resemble that curious mixture of typewriter and sacerdotal.

Not to mention his wife, who has been mistaken for "Supernatural" on many occasions.

All these and many more have contributed to the reporting of soccer over the years.

My own contribution to the game stands as a sentinel to the advancement of soccer coaching in this country.

Who else has managed to field 14 players simultaneously and guaranteed not a sober one among them when we, the soccer press team, annihilated the referees last year?

Let us not forget that great writer Meno Toutsidis. With a name like that, you have to

know something about soccer . . . or greengrocering.

Jack Reilly, the Australian Meier, who has stood in more goals than I've had warm dinners, is another of our occasional writers.

And if varicose veins don't set in, he'll be standing there at Armageddon.

With Tom Anderson taking over at Olympic, he is setting the pace for things to come.

All the writers are eventually going to take over teams, allowing them to write their stories one year in advance, with the added advantage of not having to turn up at the grounds at all.

So, Peter, I'm afraid you have been outmanoeuvred in your damning of the Press.

BULJEVIC: WE HAD AMATEUR APPROACH TO WORLD CUP



Branko Buljevic in a game against St. George, with two former Socceroo team mates behind him — George Harris (left) and Harry Williams.



Gary Cole (left) is foiled by Sydney Olympic defender Greg Allen. Pictures by SAM BELFONTE.



Arthur McMillan (Fitzroy) — probably Australia's best full back at the moment.

Jankovic v. McMillan the highlight

Marconi will test its recruits Mark Jankovic and Roberto Vieri in a Philips League practice match against Fitzroy Alexander at Olympic Park at 8 p.m. tonight (Wednesday).

The club bought Jankovic, a former Socceroo, from St. George, and imported Vieri from Italy. The former Bologna star played guest games for Marconi last year.

Also on show will be stars Jimmy Rooney, Ray Richards, Ivo Prskalo, Paul Degney, Peter Sharne and Allan Maher.

Alexander will of course feature Marconi recruit Mike Micevski and the deadly Branko Buljevic — Gary Cole combination.

What's more, fans will get another look at Arthur McMillan, probably the best full back in Australia at the moment. He will probably face ...

Buljo-Cole: killer combo!

By KYLE PATTERSON

The difference between Marconi and Alexander is Jimmy Rooney, says Gary Cole.

Cole's goalscoring partner Branko Buljevic agrees.

"Alexander lacks a midfield general, someone in the mould of Johan Cruyff or Bobby Charlton," says Buljevic.

However, midfield or no midfield, in Cole and Buljevic Alexander has probably the best attacking duo in the Phillips League.

They are a team within a team — a perfect blend of youth and muscle with experience and skill. Between them they scored 20 goals last year.

Young Cole is full of praise for Buljevic.

"Branko helped my game tremendously last season. He is so skilful that he walks around defenders," Cole says.

Branko, who's known as "Buljo", acknowledges his partner's role.

"Gary often has two defenders marking him. This means less pressure on me, as well more room for the midfielders."

At 21 years of age, Cole has a great future.

"Gary always had the ability," says Branko, "but lacked the confidence. Now that he has the confidence, he is improving all the time. Gary is always willing to listen to advice."

Last year, Alexander started slowly but rocketed up the ladder in the second half of the season.

"The 1-8 loss to Marconi was the turning point," explains Branko. "We talked about it for a few days and worked out where we went wrong. After that, we played with more discipline and teamwork."

Many defences suffered at the hands of the Cole-Buljevic combination last season.

"The Marconi defence was the hardest to play against," says Gary. "When we played them in Sydney it was a grudge match. We desperately wanted to make amends for that 1-8 defeat."

Tony Henderson of Canberra City was Branko's choice as the best defender.

Many people were dumbfounded by Jimmy Shoulder's decision not to recall Buljevic to the national team when the Socceroos were desperately in need of a forward with skill and flair.

"I was disappointed at being left out of the Australian team," says Branko, "but looking back I'm glad I didn't get selected."

"The approach to the World Cup," he continues, "was so amateur. The Australian Soccer Federation is so far behind the rest of the world. There are no decent facilities and it made it hard for the players."

Gary is hoping to follow Branko's footsteps and play for the national team.

"I played in the Australian under-23 team with John Koemna, Todd Clarke, Johnny Nykohus, Gary Byrne and ..."



Branko Buljevic



Gary Cole

Gary Marocchi, all of whom have gone on to the national team. If I don't make it this year, I never will," says Cole.

Branko disagrees.

"Too many young players are rushed into the national team and expected to be stars," he says, "and that often does more harm than good. Australia needs better facilities and top coaches if soccer is to progress."

Gary and Branko agree that professionalism will be the next big step for Australian soccer.

"As the game grows and clubs become richer, the day of the professional draws closer," says Gary.

Branko wants promotion of the game to improve.

"You've got to get youngsters interested," he says.

Here's some bad news for P.S.L. defences: Branko intends playing for at least another three years!

"I always keep fit and I still love playing soccer," he says.

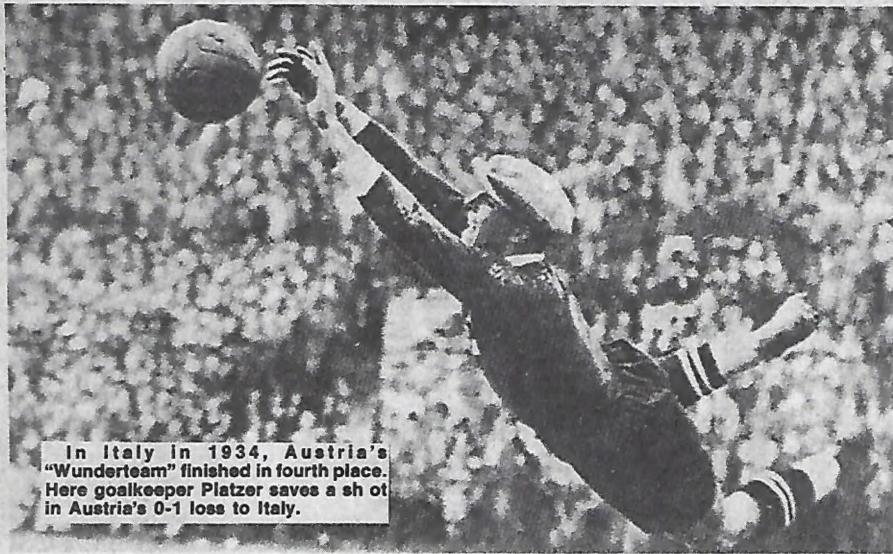
If the Cole-Buljevic machine continues to function, Alexander will take a lot of stopping.



Johann Cruyff is chased by Brazil's Jairzinho in a World Cup game. Fitzroy — Alexander needs a commanding midfielder like Cruyff.

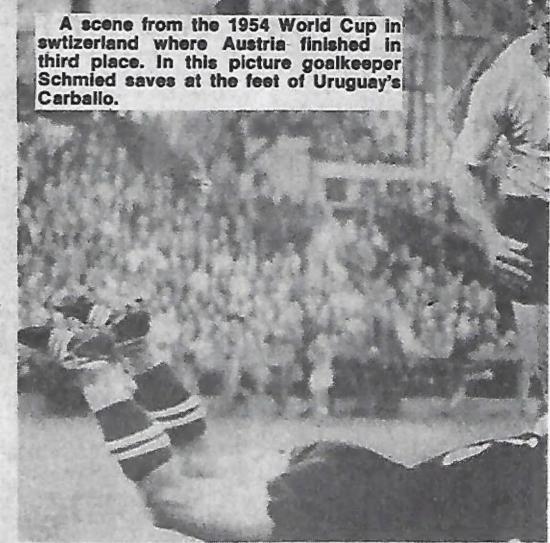
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In Italy in 1934, Austria's "Wunderteam" finished in fourth place. Here goalkeeper Platzner saves a shot at the feet of Uruguay's Carballo.

A scene from the 1954 World Cup in Switzerland where Austria finished in third place. In this picture goalkeeper Schmied saves at the feet of Uruguay's Carballo.



Prohaska scores to give Austria a 1-0 victory over Turkey in their qualifying match at the Izmir Stadium.



Kurt Jara — he knows the Spanish style well, as he used to play for Valencia. "I might be able to give our coach Selenkowitsch a few tips, because I know the strengths and weaknesses of all the Spanish national team players," Jara says.

Groupings for the 1978 World Cup finals in Argentina this year:			
GROUP ONE	GROUP TWO	GROUP THREE	GROUP FOUR
Argentina	West Germany	Brazil	Holland
Italy	Poland	Sweden	Scotland
Hungary	Mexico	Austria	Iran
France	Tunisia	Spain	Peru

No Wunderteam but Austria is afraid of no-one

Austria's unbeaten run in its qualifying series brought back memories of the "Wunderteam" of the thirties and captured the national imagination to such an extent that huge crowds flocked to Austria's games whereas club games have long been poorly attended.

There were 70,000 at the game against Turkey and 72,000 packed the Prater stadium for the match against East Germany, yet a weekend round of national league matches about that time drew a total of only 19,000 people.

The decline of club soccer in Austria over the years has been due mainly to the semi-professional set up there. Talented players look instead to Germany and other countries where the financial rewards are much higher.

Five members of Austria's national team play their club soccer in other countries.

The entire midfield plays in West Germany — Kurt Jara for MSV Duisburg, Pepi Hickersberger for Fortuna Dusseldorf and Roland Hattenberger for VFB Stuttgart.

Striker Willy Kreuz is tied to Feyenoord Rotterdam in Holland and stopper Edi Krieger is serving in Belgium with FC Bruges.

Hickersberger believes the lure of soccer in other countries will bring out the best in the Austrian-based players during the World Cup. "They will be out to impress the people who matter in an effort to get offers from the countries where the money is," he said.

Austria's first game in the finals is against Spain in Buenos Aires on June 3.

"It's great that Spain is our first opponent," says Kurt Jara. He knows Spain well, as he spent his first years as a professional with FC Valencia until he was loaned out to Duisburg in 1975 and later offered a



Roland Hattenberger — had a groin operation last December but is confident of being fit in time for the Cup finals.

contract by the German club.

The technical, artistic soccer of the Spaniards certainly suits the ball-playing Austrians better than the more physical, fighting style of West Germany and Sweden.

Similarly, Austria does not fear Brazil, although it

says Hickersberger: "Sweden is no longer as good as it was four years ago, and we Austrians remember 1973 so clearly that we will play the best football of our lives."

The latest information available to "Soccer Action" is that Austria will play the following practice games: February 15: v. Greece; March 22: v. Belgium; April 5: v. Switzerland and in May a game against Holland.

National coach Helmuth Selenkowitsch, a former Austrian international, has had the worry of Roland Hattenberger's recent groin operation, but Hattenberger is already running again and hopes to start kicking a ball this month.

Selenkowitsch is also hoping that forward Josef Sterling will recover in time for the Cup. Sterling, of Innsbruck, pulled several knee ligaments and has been out for some time.

However, Austria will definitely have the service of its top striker, Hans Krankl (Rapid), who scored six goals in the 9-0 win over Malta and who hit half of the total Austria scored in its qualifying group.

One of Krankl's fellow strikers may be Walter Schachner of Austrian Second Division club Donawitz. Schachner scored the goal that beat Turkey 1-0 in Vienna.

Apart from the regulars, some of the players in line for selection include liberio Peter Persich of Rapid, all-rounder Guenther Happich (Wiener SK), the superbly skilled Kurt Welzl (SSW Innsbruck), and goalkeepers Hubert Baumgartner (FC

Action from the qualifying match between Austria and Hungary in Vienna in 1965: Austrian goalkeeper Szenwald catches the ball above Hungarian forward Florian Albert.



This was Austria's team for the game against East Germany on September 24, 1977 in Vienna, from left: Sara, F. Koncilia, Pezzey, Krieger, Kreuz, Krankl, Breitenberger, Hattenberger, Hickesberger, Sering.



Breitenberger (left) clashes with a Turkish defender in Austria's 1-0 victory in Turkey.

Austria and Herbert Feuer (Rapid).

From the early 1930s to the early fifties, Austria was nearly one of the greatest national teams in the world. Austria's "Wunderteam" of the early thirties thrashed Scotland 6-0, Germany 6-0 and just beat 3-4 in England.

Austria did not contest the first World Cup in Uruguay in 1930 but in Italy in 1934, its Wunderteam, featuring Urbanek, Ischek, Horvath and Miskit, finished in fourth place, beaten 3-2 by Ger-

many in the third-place play-off.

In Switzerland in 1954, Austria was again prominent, reaching the semi-finals only to be beaten once again by Germany, this time by the shattering score of 6-1.

Stars of this team were that great attacking centre half Ernst Owirck of FK Austria, the great utility player Gerhard Hanappi who played for a FIFA eleven against England at Wembley in 1953, and inside left Ernst Stjepan of

The end of Austria's greatness came in Sweden in 1958. With only Hanappi, Happel and Koerner surviving from Switzerland, Austria finished last in its group, behind Brazil, USSR and England.

After that, Austria failed to qualify again until last year, and now stands on the threshold of either recapturing its past glory or reliving the failure of 1958.

If Austria does well in the World Cup, the game will perhaps be revived sufficiently to keep more good players at home.

Next week: ITALY



Defender Sara of Austria.

How they got there

Here's how Austria qualified:

December 5, 1977

September 24, 1977

in Vienna:

MALTA 0 AUSTRIA 1 (Krankl).

Malta: Mizzi, Borg, Vassallo, Holland, Farrugia, Darmanin, Magro, Micallef, G. Xuereb, R. Xuereb, Seychell.

Austria: Koncilia, Sara, Persidis, Pezzey, Strasser, Hickesberger, Oberhofer, Hattenberger, Sering (Prohaska), Krankl, Schachner (Pirkner).

Attendance: 10,000.

April 17, 1977 in

Vienna:

AUSTRIA 1 (Schachner) TURKEY 0.

Austria: Koncilia, Sara, Persidis, Pezzey, Strasser, Hickesberger, Oberhofer, Hattenberger, Sering (Prohaska), Krankl, Schachner (Pirkner).

East Germany:

Croy, Kische, Dorner, Weise, Weber, Hafner, Schade, Heidler (Riediger), Linde-

mann, Kotte (Sparwasser), Hoffmann.

Attendance: 72,000.

October 12, 1977 in

Leipzig:

EAST GERMANY 1 (Hattenberger).

Austria: Koncilia, Krieger, Sara, Pezzey, Breitenberger, Hattenberger, Sternig, Kreuz, Krantz.

East Germany:

Croy, Kische, Dorner, Weise, Weber, Hafner, Schade, Heidler (Riediger), Linde-

mann, Kotte (Sparwasser), Hoffmann.

Attendance: 72,000.

October 30, 1977 in

Izmir:

TURKEY 0 AUSTRIA 1 (Prohaska).

Austria: Koncilia, Krieger, Sara, Pezzey, Breitenberger, Hattenberger, Sternig, Kreuz, Krantz.

Attendance: 100,000.

October 30, 1977 in

Salzburg:

AUSTRIA 9 (Krankl)

6, Sering 2, Pirkner)

MALTA 0.

Austria: Koncilia,

Sara, Pezzey, Strasser,

Hattenberger, Prohaska,

Hickesberger, Sering

(Peter Koncilia),

Krankl, Schachner

(Pirkner).

Malta: Gatt, Ciantar,

Schembri, Darmanin,

Holland, Farrugia,

Micallef, Farrie, R.

Xuereb, Magro,

Seychell (G. Xuereb),

Attendance: 18,000.

Final standings:

	W	D	L	F	A
Austria	4	2	14	2	10
East Germany	3	0	15	4	9
Turkey	2	3	9	5	6
Malta	0	0	6	27	0



Came 3rd in 1954 finals

Austria's previous World Cup campaigns:

1930: Didn't compete.

1934: Qualification match: v. Bulgaria 6-1; last eight: v. France 2-1 after extra time; quarter finals: v. Hungary 2-1; semi-final: v. Italy 0-1; play-off for third place: v. Germany 2-3.

Basic team: Platzter, Cisar, Sesta, Wagner, Smitsik, Urbaneck, Zischek, Braun, Bican, Horvath, Viertl. Also used: Sindlar, Schall.

1938: qualification match: v. Latvia 2-1, then withdrew.

1950: Did not compete.

1954: qualification matches: v. Portugal 9-1 and 0-0; Group Three games in finals: v. Scotland 1-0, v. Czechoslovakia 5-0; quarter finals: v. Switzerland 7-5; semi-finals: v. Germany 1-6; play-off for third place: v. Uruguay 3-1.

Basic team: Schmid, Hanappi, Barschandt, Owirck, Kollmann, Koller, R. Koerner, Wagner, Dienst, Stojaspa, Probst. Also used: Schleger, Happel, A. Koerner.

1958: qualification: v. Luxembourg 7-0, 3-0; v. Holland 3-2, 1-1; Group Four in finals: v. Brazil 0-3, v. USSR 0-2, v. England 2-2.

Basic team: Szenwald, Kollmann, Happel, Swoboda, Hanappi, Koller, E. Koziček, O. Koziček, Buzek, Koerner, Senekowitsch. Also used: Schmid, Stotz, Horak, Halla, Schleger.

1962: Did not compete.

1966: qualification: v. East Germany 1-1, 0-1; v. Hungary 0-1, 0-3.

1970: qualification: v. Cyprus 7-1; v. Germany 0-2, 0-1; v. Scotland: 1-2, 2-0.

1974: qualification: v. Malta 4-0, 2-0; v. Sweden 2-0, 2-3, 1-2 (play off to decide group winner), v. Hungary 2-2, 2-2.

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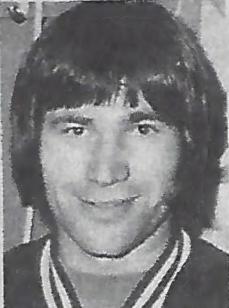
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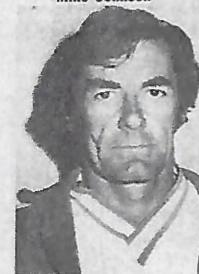
Manfred Schaefer



Mike Johnson



Jim Adam



Bruce Stowell



Billy Birch

Moore's World Cup forecast

LONDON — Bobby Moore, former England captain, has predicted that Argentina, Brazil, West Germany and Holland will be the teams to watch in this year's World Cup.

Moore led England to its World Cup triumph in 1966. He said at a luncheon of the British Sports Writers' Association that Argentina would be a powerful contender on its home ground this summer.

"Brazil is always a team to consider seriously wherever the World Cup is played. When it is played in South America, Brazil becomes an ever greater threat," Moore said.

He added that West Germany, the defending champion, must have a good chance of winning the trophy again.

"There is a lot of talent in Germany," the former star said. "The Germans seem to have a way of bringing new players into the team at the right time and keeping up the standard."

Moore said that Johann Cruyff was playing for Holland and that the Dutch had Dutch to win the World Cup.

Cruyff captained the Dutch team that reached the final in 1974, but he has said he will not go to Argentina for family reasons.

Moore was not so sure about Italy, the team that edged England for a place in the World Cup final.

"England beat Italy at Wembley, but we don't know whether Italy played to its full capacity, or whether its performance was influenced by the knowledge that it had already done the work that was necessary to qualify for Argentina."

Moore said Scotland had a lot of talent and could be the surprise team of the tournament if it can succeed in putting everything together at the right time.

GEORGE CROSS DENIES REPORT OF UNREST

George Cross publicity officer Charlie Cutajar has strongly denied that half the team is seeking transfers.

He also denied that George Cross put a \$6000 price on Alex McConville when the full back tried to get a transfer to First Division club Doveton.

"The committee did not meet on the McConville matter. There was no official price. If he really wants to go, it would certainly be less than \$6000."

Cutajar said:

"Soccer Action" reported two weeks ago that many George Cross players were eager to hear offers from other clubs.

Cutajar said one of the players mentioned, Paul Murphy, had told him he was definitely not interested in moving and that most of the others had signed new contracts.

It's been said often enough before, but I'll say it again: we must drastically reduce the number of players imported from overseas.

To the coaches who say it's too expensive to buy players locally, I say: Don't buy them, produce them in your own club!

Long-term planning is needed, so coaches must be appointed on a long-term basis. Coaches who buy heavily from overseas can't really be blamed for doing so, because most of them are afraid for their own skins. They know that if they don't produce regular victories, they will be sacked.

The situation has reached ridiculous proportions. We all read about the coach who was sacked because his committee didn't like his team selections for a practice match!

Yet coaches must be given time if we are to produce home-grown players of adequate standard.

Everyone keeps talking in terms of imports, yet just think how difficult it would be to get overseas players who are better than our own stars — Murray Barnes,

Gary Byrne, Peter Sharne, Steve Hogg, Danny Moulis, John O'Shea, Kevin Mullin, Gary Meier, Richie Bell, Joe Piccione, Mondo Ristovski, Ian McGregor, Lou Kastner, Chris Kalafatidis, Duncan Cummings ... need I go on?

Let's ask ourselves seriously: How long can the import policy last? What future is there for the clubs? Do they want to win the championship and then be relegated the following year?

Imports come as temporary residents for one or two years. Generally they come here to make as much money as possible and get out as quickly as they can.

I am not talking about "guest players" for want of a better term. Guests like Malcolm Macdonald are valuable because they display a high standard of soccer and they give youngsters something on which to model their game. Rather, I am talking of run-of-the-mill imports — the kind we get every year, year in, year out.

Even the Americans are reducing their import quota (see story below) and we all know that in terms of innovation, America is leading the world.

As I said earlier, the only way to develop our own players in a lasting way, is to give our coaches a chance.

However, we have the situation where 1977 bosses Jim Adam, Manfred Schaefer, Mike Johnson, Iain Kesson, Manny Poukkakis, Bruce Stowell, Billy Birch and Kaz Kulak will not be head of Phillips League clubs in 1978.

I must say that people who accept top jobs without being fully qualified are partly to blame, but the bulk of the blame falls on the clubs themselves.

After all, the clubs should know who and what they are hiring in advance. Having made a decision with their eyes open, the club leaders must be prepared to stick by that decision and give their men a chance.

To the new coaches — Tony Boggi (Alexander), Luciano Nesti (Brisbane City), Brian Daykin (Brisbane Lions), Alan Vast (Newcastle), Ilya Takac (St. George), Tommy Anderson (Olympic), and Dave MacLaren (South Melbourne Hellas), I say: Good luck! I wish you a long, happy association with your new clubs and I hope those clubs don't show you the same fickleness they have shown other coaches.

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Jim Fraser is a goalkeeper who just missed out on the ultimate glory of representing his country in a World Cup finals series.

After some extraordinary displays in qualifying games against South Korea (0-0, 2-2, and 1-0) and Iran (3-0 and 0-2), Fraser was prevented by business commit-

ments from playing in the 1974 finals in West Germany.

Now Jim is at the helm of Marconi, together with Dave Keddie and me.

As specialist coach for goalkeepers, Jim has handled 14 talented young keepers since January 3. They have come from all areas of Sydney to learn from the master.

In fact it was probably due to Fraser's presence that Marconi last week signed two promising young goalkeepers, Mark Christopher and Peter Delamont.

In the meantime, we loaned young Gary Marsden out to Melita Eagles in the hope of getting him back as a mature, developed player.

Keddie is specialising with the strikers in our junior ranks, while I work mainly with the midfielders and defenders.

It's a set-up which we hope will produce many players of the future.



Former internationals Jim Fraser (left) and Dave Keddie (right) — they've joined the coaching staff at Marconi, aiming to help produce stars of the future.



The owners of the North American Soccer League, at their annual meeting in New York, have voted to speed up Americanisation of the NASL by limiting the number of foreign players a team is permitted to field at one time, in a diminishing scale down to six by 1984.

During 1977, the teams were permitted to have 10 non-North Americans on the field at one time.

Under the new regulation, only nine will be permitted in 1978, and the scale reduces that to eight in 1980, seven in 1982 and six in 1984.

Also affected is the 30-man maximum team roster. From its present limit of 15 non-citizens, the new regulation reduces the total to 14 in 1978, 13 in 1980, 12 in 1982 and 11 in 1984.

The owners reaffirmed a schedule of 30 games per team for next season, including 15 at home and 15 away, and set the date for Soccer Bowl-78 either on Saturday, August 26, or Sunday, August 27, at the Giants Stadium, home of the Cosmos.

HE'S BEST OF THE BANNONS

The name Bannon is well known in Australian soccer. Pat plays with Fitzroy Alexander, Vince and Jed has joined Frankston City.

But the best of the Bannon brothers is still in Scotland. His name is Emon, he's 19 years old and plays for Hearts.

Goalkeeper John Kennedy who has just returned from Scotland, watched Emon score a hat-trick from midfield in Hearts' recent victory over Kilmarnock.

"He's some player," says Kennedy. "Strong, fast, and he's got a powerful shot in both feet."

Canberra ground is envy of all

Canberra City has started pre-season training at the magnificent new Bruce Stadium — the latest of many moves made in the past 12 months for the PSL "babies" to compete on equal terms with their more illustrious interstate counterparts.

Visitors to Canberra this season will be as impressed as Canberra City players were with the new \$6 million complex set in the ACT suburb of Bruce. Spectator, press and playing facilities far exceed anything I have experienced in Australia (I have not yet seen Newcastle's complex) and are sure to add much needed first class facilities to our PSL set-up.



Tony Henderson — his brother Ken has joined him at Canberra.



Former national captain John Warren

For Canberra City, moving into Bruce Stadium was one of the many improvements the club has made since it kicked off 15 months ago.

Already it has established social club headquarters in the centre of town, which are currently catering for the huge day-time trade. With poker machines expected within the next month, City can at least expect a business-like club generating much needed finance by the end of the year.

While interstate visitors to Canberra will be relieved to play at Bruce, it is nothing to the joy of Canberra City, which suffered more than other teams by playing at Manuka Oval.

Canberra City also will be able to benefit from training at Bruce.

And for those teams which had to play once on Manuka spare a thought for City, which had to play 13 times and train on Manuka throughout the whole season — with no lights!

On the playing side, City has signed most of its players from last year on two-year contracts.

The exceptions of course are **Adrian Alston**, now back with the Tampa Bay Rowdies, club captain **Mike Black** (to Canberra Olympic), **David O'Connor** (player/coach) of Goulburn Workers — ACT Second Division, **Nick Boskov** (Canberra Croatia), **Victor Fernandez** and **Alan Bourke**.



Nick Boskov — rejoined Canberra Croatia.

(still a West Adelaide player).

On the credit side City has signed **Ken Henderson**, 22-year-old brother of City captain **Tony** and **Brian Parker**, formerly team-mates of both **Henderson** and **Ron Tilsed** in South Africa.

The club has also signed two young apprentices from the UK — **Ian Haywood** and **Terry Burn** from Adrian Alston's Preston North End club.

Assistant coach **Victor Fernandez** has as

signed 30 of the best youngsters in the ACT who will form the second, third and fourth teams of City which will play in the ACT First Division.

These youngsters, in the 14-16-year bracket will form the nucleus of the ACT's under 16 and under 18 teams for the 1978 national youth championships.

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VIPs say farewell

Jimmy Shoulder, Australian team coach, and **Eric Worthington**, National Director of Coaching, were surprise guests at Ron Smith's farewell dinner.

Smith, the Victorian Director of Coaching for the past two years, is returning home to England.

The dinner, at Crofters restaurant, Mornington, was to thank Smith for the hard work he has done as director of coaching.

He was presented with a set of golf clubs by friends, including **John Gardiner** (Essendon Croatia coach), **Fred Bunce** (Ringwood coach), **Ken Kontra** (Melbourne coach), **Colin Hasler** (Box Hill coach), **Tim White** (Springvale coach) and **Jim Train** (Slavia player).

The night was organised by **Ken Lyon**, secretary of the Victorian Soccer Coaches' Association.

Smith was unaware that Shoulder and Worthington were coming.

He is hopeful of securing a coaching job in England.



Kennedy to Frankston?

Essendon Croatia goalkeeper John Kennedy (pictured) who is interested in joining Frankston City?

The transfer fee stipulated in his contract was no more than \$2000.

Kennedy, 33, joined Essendon last year from South Melbourne Hellas, on a one-year contract, with a one-year option.

He previously played for APIA, Fitzroy Alexander, Ringwood Wilhelmina and in Scotland for junior league clubs Arbroath Rangers and Ardmadale Thistle.

A report last week said

Duncan McKay was sacked as coach of Essendon because he used Kennedy in a practice match ahead of Dime Petrovski and Danny Laco.

Kennedy denied this. He said he had just returned from his honeymoon in Scotland, and rang McKay before the game to say he did not feel fit enough to play.

He said he had trained with the team earlier in the



Reunion

The player above is former Soccerog Bogdan "Bugsey" Nyskohus, whom Adelaide Juventus has finally signed from the Lion Club. Bugsey joins his brother John who switched from Lion to Juventus in early 1977.

'They stuck their noses into my business'

Duncan McKay, who played 13 games for Scotland and more than 200 for Celtic, is an angry and disappointed man.

He says he is "disgusted" with his sacking as coach of Victorian State League club Essendon-Croatia.

"I was sacked because I wouldn't bow to committee people who were sticking their noses into my business," he says.

"I may have been wrong, but I thought I had complete control over team selection."

McKay believes that the attitude of some in the club first swung against him over his preference for goalkeeper **John Kennedy**.

"When I first came to Essendon from Perth, certain people told me to drop Kennedy," McKay said.

"However, Kennedy in my opinion, was better and much more experienced than the other goalkeepers."

One of the official reasons given by club president **Joe Sigur** for McKay's sacking was that in a practice game, McKay had wanted to use Kennedy ahead of **Danny Laco** and **Dime Petrovski**, although Kennedy had just returned from his honeymoon overseas.

Another reason given was that McKay had refused to try out **Martin Jaworski** and **Andy Czapnik**, two Polonia stars Essendon wanted to buy.

"I was going to use them 10 minutes into the second half, but they didn't want to be in and left," McKay said.

He added the first he heard

of his sacking was when a player mentioned it to him at the ground on Monday last week. It was later confirmed by the committee.

Duncan McKay in his playing days.

"I'm really disgusted," McKay said. "The boys had given me everything in training and things were really looking good. With a sweeper and another midfielder we could have won the championship this year."

Ironically, the sweeper McKay had in mind was **John Gardiner**, now the new coach of Essendon.

"If people stick their noses in where they don't belong, a coach's job is made impossible," he said. "You can't run a club that way."

Essendon brought McKay last June from Perth where he coached Azzuri.

Under McKay, Azzuri won the 1975 and 1976 Western Australian championship, the 1976 Ampol Cup and the 1976 Top Four series.

The club also won the 1976 Asian championship against Jakarta, drawing 3-3 in Indonesia and winning the home leg 2-1.

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The great Pat Crerand — one of Duncan McKay's team mates at Celtic.



Jimmy Johnstone

FA Cup betting

LONDON, — Latest Football Association Cup odds: — 7-2 Arsenal, 6-1 Ipswich, 7-1 Nottingham Forest, 8-1 Midlothian, 9-1 Derby and Manchester United, 12-1 Chelsea and West Bromwich, 25/1 others.

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Gordon McQueen scores to give Scotland a 1-0 lead over England in the last home championships.

Leeds — Manchester United has agreed to pay a British record fee of £450,000 Sterling (765,000 Aust. dollars) to Leeds United for Gordon McQueen, the Scottish international centre-half.

McQueen was due to finalise terms and was not available for

McQueen to Manchester

last Saturday's match at Chelsea.

One month ago, the Old Trafford club paid Leeds 350,000 Sterling (595,000 Aust. dollars) for Scotland striker, Joe Jordan, and the first chance for the pair to team up again will

be next Saturday when Manchester has a home league game — against Leeds.

Earlier last week, Tottenham Hotspur agreed to pay the full figure, but McQueen, having already decided that he wanted to go to Manchester, turned the London club down.

The other sponsorship deals in German soccer are:

Hamburger SV (Hitachi)	\$220,000
Eintr. v. Prussia	\$160,000
(Jaegermeister liquor)	
Bayern Munich (Adidas)	\$155,000
Werder Bremen (Norda fish products)	\$155,000
Fortuna Dusseldorf (ARAG insurance)	\$155,000
St. Pauli (Minolta cameras)	\$15,000
VfL Bochum (Osborne brandy)	\$15,000
Kaiserslautern (Campari aperitif)	\$90,000
Saarbruecken (Jaegermeister liquor)	\$80,000
1860 Munich (Frucade lemonade)	\$65,000
VfB Stuttgart (Frottesana textiles)	\$40,000
Borussia Dortmund (Samson delicacies)	\$37,000

Only four German clubs do not wear ads on their shirts: Schalke 04, Eintracht Frankfurt, Cologne and Hertha Berlin.

Managers are well paid in Germany. Udo Lattek of Borussia Moenchengladbach and Hennes Weisweiler of Cologne each collect \$100,000 a year, others get \$50,000 and six earn only \$40,000.

By comparison, in England the highest paid man is reputedly Ron Saunders (Aston Villa), who gets \$45,000.

German players also rake in big money. The best of them get more than their managers.

Some clubs pay \$400 per point in bonuses, others pay as little as \$120 a point. Certain clubs prefer to pay according to spectator figures. Others participate in a percentage of gates, and in this regard, VfB Stuttgart is causing envy with its average gate of \$8,500.

Admission charges vary in Germany. In Duisburg and Berlin charges vary from \$3 to \$10 but in Schalke's home town, Gelsenkirchen, admission is down to \$2. In Frankfurt, Berlin and Saarbruecken, the dearest seats are \$14.

While Hertha's Berlin Olympic stadium has a capacity of 98,000 it managed to sell only \$45,000 worth of season tickets, whereas Borussia Dortmund, whose ground holds 54,000, sold season tickets worth \$1.1 million in advance!

Malta carries on despite big defeats

From HENRY BRINCAT in B'Kara, Malta

The Council of the Malta Football Association has just decided to continue with its policy of participating in international competitions — the World Cup and the European Football Championship.

The decision came about after severe criticism from several journalists and the sporting public who felt humiliated by the 9-0 defeats registered at the hands of Austria and East Germany, in Salzburg and Babelsberg, in two qualifying matches for the 1978 FIFA World Cup.

Kiev has also won the USSR Cup on four occasions. In fact it is through the Cup that Dynamo Kiev has started to make its European reputation by winning the Cup Winners' Cup in 1974/75, beating in the final in Basle Ferencvaros of Budapest by 3-0 after a match which was a treat for the spectators thanks particularly to the extraordinary display of Blokin.

It is to be noted that particular season Kiev took part in the European competition as the winner of the USSR Cup, but because it was a finalist against Ararat, the latter having achieved the double (championship and cup) and preferred to play in the Champions' Cup, where the Armenian team was drawn against Bayern Munich.

It is not without interest to recall that the same Bayern team was beaten by Kiev during a match for the Super-Cup. 1975 was really a successful year for Dynamo Kiev which was champion of the USSR for the seventh time.

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A sought after team for international tournaments, Dynamo Kiev has also, during these past years, provided the highest number of players to the various representative teams of the USSR.

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Association was from these kind of matches, and it was due to this income that the MFA could send not only its national team on away assignments, but also its junior team to take part in youth tournaments, particularly those organised by UEFA.

The Press had earlier commented that something should be done to save our team from further humiliations. Several suggestions were made, including one to withdraw completely from all competitions.

There were others who suggested a "rest period" of say four years at least, in which the MFA would start from scratch, starting with the youngsters.

Even Sir Stanley Matthews, now a resident of this Mediterranean island, was interviewed on this issue by one of the leading newspapers, and he commented that Malta should never withdraw from these competitions, if they do not wish to be isolated.

After the public forum, even the national coach, Mr Calleja agreed that Malta should continue taking part in such competitions. "What should be done in future," he said, "is to try and avoid such humiliating scores, though we know that against such opposition we have no chance of success."

Before taking the important decision, the MFA again discussed the issue in detail and it was made clear that better preparations for such matches should be taken in hand. These would entail several sacrifices from all concerned, particularly the players, who, on this island, can be called part-timers.

Germany's where the big money is

Borussia Moenchengladbach tops the money stakes in West Germany, with sponsorship of about \$320,000 a year, from Erdgas Heitzung, a gas heating firm.



Dynamo Kiev, standing from left: Troshkin, Metvienko, Konkov, Veremejev, Rudakov, Blokhin, Kolotov; front: Burjak, Reshko, Muntjan, Onishenko.

by no contact with the West.

Functioning in a big city — at present more than one and half million inhabitants, the third city of the USSR according to population — Kiev rapidly became the flag-bearer for the whole of the Ukraine and, following its example, football made progress in the region to such an extent that in the current USSR championship the Ukraine has five other teams in the top division as well as Kiev.

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Tserno-Moretz (Odessa), Zaria (Vorochilovgrad) and Karpathi (Lvov).

Naturally all these clubs have numerous youth teams, made of the most promising talents which are searched out through the whole community.

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In 1961, the Ukrainian team was managed by Soloviev, a coach who did a lot to inspire his players with confidence in their own ability, confronted with the reputation of the Moscow teams.

However, the real launching of Dynamo Kiev towards the heights came about under the direction of coach Victor Maslov, a strict man who was known as a very clever tactician.

Unfortunately Victor Maslov died a few months ago at the age of nearly 70, after having served

football well first as a player and then as a teacher and coach.

Under his management Dynamo was yet again champion. With Maslov and after his departure, the Ukrainians from Kiev were six times champion of which three were consecutive.

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Charlie George and Flanagan in 'B' pool



Mick Flanagan

Dave Watson (Manchester City), Emily Hughes (Liverpool), Billy Bonds (West Ham), Ray Wilkins (Chelsea), Ray Kennedy (Liverpool), Trevor Brooking (West Ham), Kevin Keegan (SV Hamburg), Steve Coccoell (Manchester United), Bob Latchford (Everton), Stuart Pearson (Manchester United), Trevor Francis (Birmingham), Peter Barnes (Manchester City).

ENGLAND "B" Joe Corrigan (Manchester City), Phil Parkes (Queens Park Rangers), John Gladman (Aston Villa), Dave Needham (Nottingham Forest), Mick Lyons (Everton), Phil Thompson (Liverpool), Mick Mills (Ipswich), Derek Statham (West Bromwich), Brian Talbot (Ipswich), Terry McDermott (Liverpool), Tony Currie (Leeds), David Fairclough (Liverpool), Charlie George (Derby), Paul Mariner (Ipswich), Mike Flanagan (Charlton), Gordon Hill (Manchester United).

The squads are:

ENGLAND: Ray Clemence (Liverpool), Peter Shilton (Nottingham Forest), Phil Neal (Liverpool), Trevor Charron (Leeds), Gordon Hill (Manchester United),



ABOVE: Schalke's Klaus Fischer with his coach Friedl Rausch and teammate Rudiger Abramczik. BELOW: Cologne's Heinz Flohe (left). Fischer and Flohe impressed Mike Micevski the most during his stay in Germany.

NOW KOKKINOS TRIES OUT AT WEST ADELAIDE

Ulysses Kokkinos has left Victorian First Division club Western Suburbs for Philips League club West Adelaide Hellas.

The temperamental Kokkinos, formerly with Alexander, South Melbourne Hellas and Juventus, did not play a game for Western Suburbs, who

bought him only a few weeks ago.

Wests have put full-back Michael Stogianian (ex-Alexander) on the transfer list because he

was demanding \$2,000 to play this season.

"We don't want greedy players," said coach Tony Vzina.

Mark Karapatos, who has not re-signed with the club, has been having talks with Canberra City.

Suburbs secured Steve

Moore 22 from Slavia for \$2,500, signed striker Leo Stergiou 20, from Port Melbourne and goalkeeper Joe Kiss, 20, from Melbourne.

In practice games, Wests have defeated Melbourne 3-0, Sunshine 1-0, but went down 2-3 to Albion Leyland.



Ulysses Kokkinos — to West Adelaide.



Micevski's fee too high for German club

Mike Micevski is one of soccer's nomads.

Twenty three-year-old Mike recently transferred to Alexander, his fifth club.

And already he is thinking about his next move.

"I want to go back to Germany," he said, "but I've signed a two-year contract with Alexander, so that trip might have to wait."

Micevski spent seven months of last year in West Germany training with Second Division club Arminia Bielefeld.

Bielefeld offered him a contract but the German club and Marconi, which had rights to Micevski at the time, couldn't agree on the transfer fee. Frustrated, Mike gave up and returned to Australia. Marconi then sold Micevski to Alexander.

"At one stage it looked as though Marconi and Bielefeld had reached an agreement. Then Marconi raised the fee and the deal was off," said the disappointed Micevski.

"I haven't given up hope of playing in West Germany," he said. "I know I'm good enough to make the grade over there."

Proving that he is good enough, has been one of the things that has made Mike go from club to club.

Micevski began his career at Altona City. He came up through the Juniors and made his first-team debut in the First Division at 18.

To gain recognition, he moved to State League club Hakoah.

"When I was with Altona I went to a few State junior team trials," he said, "but the selectors hardly ever picked any boys other than those with State League clubs. I knew I would have to be in the State League to get anywhere."

While at Hakoah, Micevski represented Victoria.

Next stop for Mike was Marconi in Sydney.

"To prove yourself a player, you had to play in Sydney," said Mike, "because everyone said Sydney soccer was better than Melbourne soccer."

At this stage there was no Phillips League, so people could only guess when comparing Sydney and Melbourne soccer.

"I found Sydney soccer to be a lot easier," said Mike — a comment which is bound to bring him arguments from many Sydney fans.

After two years with Marconi, Mike was off again.

"I enjoyed my first year in Sydney," he said, "but the next year was terrible. I decided to leave."

Micevski is a great admirer of German soccer, so it was natural he should go to that country.

"German soccer is the best in the world," he said. "It is miles ahead of anything else."

For Micevski, having a crack as a professional in Europe was inevitably the next step.



Soccer nomad — Mike Micevski

"After training as a professional for seven months I know that is the level of soccer I want to play," he said.

During his stay at Bielefeld, Mike went to a training camp in Holland for two weeks with the club.

"The discipline was so strict," said Mike, "that each player's room had only a bed and a blanket. We trained three times a day starting at 6 am. every morning."

Mike is taking lessons in speaking and writing German for when he returns.

Micevski has kept in contact with Christian Sackewitz, a Bielefeld player, through letters. Sackewitz toured Australia a few years ago with his previous club, Hertha 03.

"Klaus Fischer of Schalke 04 and Heinz Flohe of Cologne impressed me most of all the players I saw," said Micevski.

Mike, who has represented Australia under 23 and unofficial full level, has lost interest in the national team.

"It's not worth it playing for the Australian team," he said. "The last time I was selected, which was during the games against Russia, I ended up losing my job. Australia must have professional players or it will get nowhere."

KYLE PATTERSON



Leo Stergiou — from Port Melbourne to Wests.



Steve Moore — joined Western Suburbs from Slavia.



Joe Kiss — from Melbourne to Wests.

Christian Sackewitz, who toured Australia with his previous club Hertha 03. Sackewitz was a good friend and club mate of Micevski's at Arminia Bielefeld.

Greek Cup next week

Collingwood Hercules will hold the Greek Summer Cup contested by Hawthorn, Clifton Hill United, Thornbury, Sandown, Melbourne Travellers, C.B.C. Clifton Hill Y.C.W. Parori Florinis and Collingwood City A and B.

The ground is Ramsden Street Reserve, Clifton Hill. Games are every Sunday and kick off is at 1 pm.

Programme:

FEBRUARY 22: Collingwood City A vs Sandown, Hawthorn vs Clifton Hill United, Collingwood City B vs Melbourne Travellers.

FEBRUARY 26: Melbourne Travellers vs Parori Florinis, Collingwood City A vs Hawthorn, Clifton Hill United vs C.B.C.

MARCH 5: Thornbury vs Clifton Hill Y.C.W., Collingwood City B vs Parori Florinis, Collingwood City A vs Clifton Hill United.

MARCH 12: Sandown vs Hawthorn, Thornbury vs Melbourne Travellers.

FEBRUARY 19: Sandown vs C.B.C., Parori Florinis vs Clifton Hill Y.C.W., Collingwood City B vs Thornbury.

Collingwood City new coach is Aldo Vesnauer, former Hawthorn and Essendon City coach.

CUP RESULTS

Cumberland Cup results: J.U.S.T. 5 St. Albans 1, Croydon 3 Knox 0, Waverley 2 Doveton 1, Park Rangers 3 South Yarra 0, Mornington 0 Chelsea 2.

ΠΩΣ ΘΑ ΦΕΡΟΥΜΕ ΤΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΑΘΛΟΥΣ ΣΤΑ ΓΗΠΕΔΑ; Πάρα πάντα σχετική αύξηση των φίλαθλων κατά την διάρκεια του πρώτου έθνικο πρωταθλήματος οι άριθμοι κάθε όλο πάρα ικανοποιητικοί ήταν για τις προοδοκίες των διοργανώντων της έθνικης καπονιέρας.

Υπήρχαν δέδια άγνως πάντα πόλησησαν και δέκα και δεκαπέντε χιλιάδες 'φιλάθλους στο γήπεδο όλα αυτοί οι άγνως είχαν ίδιατερο ένδιαφέρον λόγω της συμμετοχής Εύρωπας δύο χρόνια πριν.

Ήταν ιδέα της άλλης την ονομάτων όμων της 'Αγγλική, διότι Ανδραβάζικα είναι μόνον τά... Ναρά γκατανγκ, Έπαμπάκα κλπ, για να έντυπωσιάσουν τους Ανδρα λούς και να ελθουν στο γήπεδο άποδεικτικο λανθασμένη δύο όχι άνωτη, δύο ούτε Ανδραβάζι. Μήπως της άλλα στο γήπεδο άλλα ούτε καμιά φορά άκου σπικαν μέσω στο γήπεδο ίσας φίλαθλους, φίλαθλους όπως έπαιξε ο Άλεανθρος.

Οι θινόντες των δύο μάδην συνεχίζουν νάθασσανται. Όποι τό έρωτημα. «Πώς θα φέρουμε τους φιλάθλους στο γήπεδο;». Και η πιο αυστηρή άποντα που ο αύτο τό έρωτημα είναι κάνουμε λανθασμένες ένέργειες. Πάρουμε λανθασμένες άποσάσεις ίδιατερα για τις 'Ελληνικές άμαδες που υπόπτειται ότι άκομα κρατούν τα σκάπτηα στα πάρια σε άριθμο φιλάθλους, το διασκό αύτο το τρίγυρο που λέγεται πόδοσφαιρο της Ανδραβάζιας.

Νοικιά διτί η πιο στην έρωτημα είναι επί κάνουμε για να φέρουμε τους φιλάθλους στο γήπεδο;». Και η πιο αυστηρή άποντα που ο αύτο τό έρωτημα είναι κάνουμε λανθασμένες ένέργειες. Πάρουμε λανθασμένες άποσάσεις ίδιατερα για τις 'Ελληνικές άμαδες που υπόπτειται ότι άκομα κρατούν τα σκάπτηα στα πάρια σε άριθμο φιλάθλους και μεωμένο.

Πάροντας άποσάσεις που δύνην προσφέρουν τίποτα το ουδικό δέσι στό ποδοσφαιρο στους ποδοσφαιριστές, στους φιλάθλους, το διασκό αύτο το τρίγυρο που λέγεται πόδοσφαιρο της Ανδραβάζιας.

Μαθανούμε ή διαθέζουμε κάθε λιγο και λιγάκι για νέας μεταγραφές. Και δύνην περνά λιγος καιρός και οι πειστικήμενες αύτης μεταγραφές ό ποδεινόνται, όπως χαμένες. Και κάθισμας αύτο το γήπεδο. Γιατί; Γιατί αύτο που τού προσφέρουν τό ποδοσφαιρικά σωματεία δύνην τού ώρεσι. Και αύτο που δύνην δέρεσι στόν φιλάθλο, το ουστό και δύτι το φαντασμένο, είναι το στέρεο και ποθητικό παγκύδι για τό όπιο φέτος τού πληρώσει τριά δολάρια για νά τό δει.

Τό ποδοσφαιρο στη Ανδραβάζι γίνεται δύλι και πιο συντηρητικό. Λιγό άμυντικό, πιο άνταρ, άκομα καλ τούς ιδιους τους ποδοσφαιριστές. 'Ο φιλάθλος δύνην συγκεντρώνει με ποθητικό παγκύδι Τέτοιο παγκύδι δι τού σθότη μπορει νά ικανοποιήσει τόν πρωτοπόντη δύτι πέρα σε ενα άκουμη παγκύδι καιρός νά λίπτη δύο άμαδα του, πρόγραμμα που κάνει την δουλειά του πιο σύγχρονη στόν Σύλλογο.

'Ο φιλάθλος άμως άποντεύεται δύλι ποντας ήνα νωρέρ



PETER GEORGIOU
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παγκύδι και δύνηδην ζάνθηκεται στό γήπεδο. 'Ο φιλάθλος θέλει νά δει την άμαδα του νά σκοράρει. Θέλει νά βλέπει κνκλ, το σπάνιο αύτο κατώρωμα μα για τούς στέρους έπιθετους μας. Θέλει νά φωνάζει για τό γκόλ που θά δεκτεί ή άμαδα του και γι αύτο που θά πετύχει. Θέλει νά πεταχτεί από τη θέση του, και νά ένθαρροντει τούς παίκτες της άμαδας του γιά νά πετύχουν και δύλι γκόλ. Ήδη νά πει στόν φίλο του και την ίδιαν Κυριακή νά τόν φέρει νά δει καλό πο δόσφαιρο, νά δει ποι σπάτα.

'Όταν άμως κάθεται μάρμον ωρα γιά νά παρακολουθείται την μάχη των εκδην και νά δει ένα απότελεσμα 0-0 θέστερα. Σηπό ένα παγκύδι μπέν ποιόπτης, φεύγει από το γήπεδο και δύνηδην ζάνθηκεται.

Και δημόρων οι λιθόνονται δύτι δέρονται δύτι δέν κάνουμε τίποτα το ουστό γιά νά τούς προσφέρουμε θέματα.

Δέν δέρονται δύτι δέν κάνουμε τίποτα το ουστό γιά νά προσφέρουμε θέματα.

Οι δύνης έπιθετης δύνηδην δέν άγριασην κανένα νέο έπιθετικό παίκτη. 'Απο αύτους που ήδη είναι ποι θά προσφέρουμε συγκινήσεις στους φιλάθλους. 'Αντιθέτω, τρέχουν, βασανίζονται, ξεδύνουν χρήματα γιά παίκτες που δέν κάνουν κατανήσεις έπιθετη γιά την Ανδραβάζια, μέσους και άμυντοκύδη. Νόι ικανοποιηθεί δηλωδή ή πρώτη σκέψη του κάθε προπνητή, κάμπια κατηγόρητα γκόλ στο ποθητικό που γιά νά μή κάσω την δουλειά μου. Καμιά διάθεση γιά έπιθετος, καμιά διάθεση άλλαγής του θεόματος.

Είναι είρωνικό νά διαδικούμενοι νά δύνηδην τού σύδνευ, ποι σέ άγνως μεταρό τους μετά θίασις συγκεντρώνουν τριάδισις φιλάθλους, δηληγράζουν κνκληδηδες από την Βραζιλία και την Ν. Αφρική και νά δύκουν σιδηρό την έλληνικές δύνηδην νά συζητήνει γιά εκάρη και δύμητοκύδη την ώρα που ήδη δένουν πτηλήθωρα από αύτους στο διανυκό τους.

Τι πρέπει νά κάνουμε λοιπόν γιά νά φέρουμε τους φιλάθλους στό γήπεδο;

Νοικιά διτί η πρέπει νά φροντίσουν οι ίδια λογοι νά δέλλασουν τό βέαμα που προσφέρουν μέχρι τώρα στους φιλάθλους στό γήπεδο.

Νά προσφέρουν στους φιλάθλους συγκινήσεις μέση στό γήπεδο.

Νά προσφέρουν μέση στό γήπεδο.

International scoreboard

GREECE

AEK 2, Panathinaikos 1; Olycos 1, Panionios 0; Apollon 2; Veria 0; Aris 1; Pierikos 2; Ethnikos 0; Yannina 2; Karvala 2; Iraklis 0; Kastoria 2; Panachaiki 3; Panathinaikos 1; Olympiacos 0; Paek 5, ON.

ITALY

Bologna 1; Pescara 1; Foggia 0; Roma 0; Lazio 0; Atalanta 2; AC Milan 0; Juventus 0; Napoli 2; Inter Milan 2; Perugia 0; Genoa 0; Torino 2; Vicenza 2; Verona 0; Fiorentina 0.

HOLLAND

VVV Venlo 1; NAC Nijmegen 1; Amsterdam - FC Den Haag postponed; Vlaardingen - Sparta Rotterdam postponed;

Totter Valeen - PSV Eindhoven postponed; Go Ahead Eagles - Deventer - FC Twente Enschede postponed; Roda JK - Kerkrade - Harlingen postponed; Feyenoord Rotterdam 1; Ajax Amsterdam 1; NAC Breda - Utrecht postponed; Vitesse Arnhem 1 AZ 67 Alkmaar 2.

SPAIN

Athletic Bilbao 2; Real Madrid 0; Espanol 4; Burgos 1; Sevilla 1 Sporting 2; Salamanca 1; Elche 0; Las Palmas 1; Rayo Vallecano 1; Hercules 1; Valencia 0; Racing 2; Real Sociedad 2; Cadiz 0; Real Vitoria 5; Atletico Madrid 1; Barcelona 0.

Standings after 21st round:

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Real Madrid	14	3	4	45	21	31
Barcelona	11	5	5	31	15	27
Rayo Vallecano	10	5	6	40	27	25
Sporting	9	7	5	32	25	25
Athletic Bilbao	9	6	6	36	24	24

AUSTRIA

Rapid 4; Vienna 1; SSW Innsbruck 1; Grazer AK 0; Sturm Graz 1; Austria Wien 1.

Leading Standings:

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Austria Wien	16	6	2	47	23	38
SSW Innsbruck	11	4	8	29	19	26
Sturm Graz	9	8	7	36	35	26
Rapid	8	8	8	43	30	24
Grazer AK	6	10	8	30	33	22

PORTUGAL

Boavista 0; Varzinha 2; Estrela 2; Guimaraes 1; Portimonense 0; Belenenses 2; Boavista 1; Sporting 0; Academica 3; Moreirense 1; Braga 2; Feirense 1; Santa Clara 1; Portuge 4; Estrela 0; Maritimo da Funchal 1.

FRANCE

Bordeaux 3; Strasbourg 0; Sochaux 1; Niort 1; Bastia 0; Nantes 0; Laval 2; Troyes 1; Lens 0; Valenciennes 2; Monaco 2; Nice 0; Bordeaux 3; Strasbourg 0; Reims 0; Marseille 0; Sochaux 0; Nimes 0; Paris SG 2; Lyons 3.

UNITED KINGDOM

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE — Chelsea 2; Man. Utd. 2; Leicester 1; Arsenal 1; Middlesbrough 2; West Ham 1; Bristol City 2; All other matches postponed.

DIVISION TWO — Bradford 2; Luton 0; Bolton 0; Sunderland postponed; Brighton 2; Barnsley 1; Bristol 2; Orient 1; Crystal Palace 1; Shrewsbury 1; Mansfield 2; Cardiff 2; Notts C. 0; Fulham postponed; Southampton 2; Millwall 3; Stokley 1; Hull postponed; Spurs 2; Blackpool 2.

DIVISION THREE — Bradford 1; Tramore postponed; Cambridge 3; Plymouth 0; Colchester 0; Peterborough 0; Chester postponed; Exeter 1; Peterborough 0; Gillingham 0; Chester postponed; Hereford 0; Preston 0; Lincoln 1; Portsmouth 0; Oxford 0; Carlisle 0; Shrewsbury 3; Port Vale 1; Walsall 3; Scarborough 0; Wrexham 1; Chester 1; Hull 1.

DIVISION FOUR — Newport 3; Rotherham 0; Watford 0; Barnsley 0; Wimbledon 0; Scunthorpe 0; All other matches postponed.

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION: All matches postponed.

DIVISION ONE: Kilmarnock 0; Dunfermline 1; All other matches postponed.

DIVISION TWO: Forfar 1; Stranraer 1 (abandoned after 35 min.); All other matches postponed.

NORTHERN IRELAND — Ballymena 1; Ards 3; Bangor 1; Coleraine 0; Cliftonville 3; Glentoran 1; Distillery 0; Glentoran postponed; Linfield 3; Crusaders 1; Partick 2; Larne 2.

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

	HOME	AWAY	W	D	L	F	A	P			
Newt. For.	4	0	4	2	7	6	8	2	32	9	42
Man. City	11	1	2	36	13	5	3	15	17	56	36
Everton	9	3	2	31	16	5	3	21	15	35	36
Liverpool	9	2	2	20	6	5	4	5	19	34	34
Arsenal	8	4	2	21	19	6	2	6	15	34	34
Leeds Utd	7	4	2	21	12	5	4	5	21	22	32
Coventry	9	3	2	34	18	4	3	6	16	25	32
Asian 06	6	2	4	16	11	5	4	5	14	28	28
WBA	8	3	2	20	8	2	5	6	16	24	28
Norwich	8	4	1	17	10	1	6	7	16	30	28
Man. Utd	7	2	4	21	15	4	3	7	23	27	27
Derby City	5	5	3	18	15	4	3	6	14	23	26
Middlesb	5	5	3	14	12	4	3	7	14	25	26
Bristol City	7	3	3	27	18	1	6	8	6	16	25
Chester	5	7	3	19	15	2	3	7	13	27	25
Wolves	5	4	4	19	16	3	3	7	13	27	25
Ipswich	8	2	4	22	16	0	5	8	7	20	23
Birmingham	5	3	6	23	22	4	1	8	13	22	22
West Ham	4	5	5	17	20	2	2	9	15	24	19
QPR	4	4	5	16	19	0	6	8	12	24	19
Newcastle	4	1	8	18	23	2	1	9	11	24	14
Leicester	2	6	6	7	20	0	4	10	5	24	14

DIVISION 2

	HOME	AWAY	W	D	L	F	A	P			
Tottenham	9	5	0	37	10	5	6	3	20	19	39
Bethes	11	1	1	27	12	6	3	4	18	38	32
Southampton	2	2	25	11	5	5	4	19	37	32	37
Brighton	8	5	1	29	16	5	4	5	13	32	35
Blackburn	10	2	1	23	8	3	6	5	16	26	34
Oldham	7	5	1	20	11	4	4	6	15	24	31
Blackpool	6	4	4	25	16	5	3	6	19	21	29
Crystal Pal.	4	4	4	22	17	4	5	4	16	26	29
Luton	7	4	3	22	9	3	4	7	16	21	28
Sunderland	7	3	3	26	13	1	5	6	5	21	30
Bristol R.	8	5	2	26	13	0	5	8	14	36	25

	Sheffld Utd	W	D	L	F	A	P				
Fulham	6	6	2	26	14	3	8	10	17	25	
Charlton	8	3	2	29	18	1	4	8	10	20	23
Orient	5	6	2	20	16	1	5	8	9	17	23
Stoke	7	2	3	20	11	1	4	8	6	18	22
Notts City	6	6	1	24	15	2	1	10	11	14	26
Cardiff	7	5	2	23	18	0	3	10	12	36	25
Burnley	4	6	4	15	14	2	1	11	11	33	19
Millwall	2	6	4	9	14	1	2	11	11	33	19
Manfield	4	3	7	20	24	1	5	7	14	27	18

DIVISION 3

	HOME	AWAY	W	D	L	F	A	P			
Cambridge	12	2	1	35	8	4	5	7	19	31	39
Tranmere	11	2	3	30	13	3	7	5	14	14	37
Gillingham	8	5	1	28	13	4	8	3	24	23	37
Wrexham	9	6	0	29	14	5	3	4	15	11	34
Colchester	6	7	1	22	9	4	4	7	16	19	31
Bury	6	7	1	24	13	4	4	6	16	22	31
Chesterfield	9	3	2	21	6	2	3	8	11	21	30
Shrewsbury	7	4	4	28	15	3	6	6	15	23	30
Walsall	7	5	3	23	12	2	7	4	12	18	30
Peterboro	6	6	1	13	7	4	4	6	8	13	30
Sheffield Wed	8	4	3	19	11	0	4	9	11	22	30
Port Vale	5	7	2	21	13	1	5	9	11	30	24
Rotherham	5	4	4	14	12	2	4	7	18	28	22
Plymouth	3	5	6	16	17	0	3	5	7	18	26
Hereford	5	7	3	17	15	0	4	10	4	23	21
Portsmouth	3	8	4	22	22	1	2	7	9	11	23
Bradford	7	5	1	27	12	2	7	6	13	21	32
Swindon	9	3	2	28	11	3	4	6	13	31	34
Southend	8	5	2	20	11	2	3	9	17	32	37
Stockport	10	3	1	30	10	1	6	8	10	21	31
Huddersfield	9	4	1	29	10	0	8	6	10	19	30
Reading	9	3	2	26	15	3	4	8	19	30	30
Grimbsy	7	4	2	16	9	5	2	7	17	23	30
Darlington	8	4	3	25	16	2	4	8	14	24	30
Burnmouth	8	3	4	18	14	2	5	7	12	21	29
Northampton	8	4	2	25	18	2	3	9	17	32	37
Doncaster	7	4	2	22	13	3	3	9	11	27	32
Scunthorpe	8	3	2	22	9	0	6	9	13	21	32
Crewe	7	4	3	23	18	2	2	10	8	24	24
Hull	5	5	1	27	11	2	2	6	12	22	33
Walsall	7	3	4	20	18	1	6	6	13	21	29
Southport	2	9	2	19	17	1	5	8	13	24	20
Hartlepool	6	2	5	16	17	0	3	10	11	31	17
Rochdale	4	4	3	18	14	0	3	10	14	32	22